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SUBJECT: IRA BOMBERS GIVEN LIFE SENTENCES

1. ON NOVEMBER 15, 8 MEMBERS OF THE IRA SQUAD RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MARCH 8 LONDON BOMBINGS WERE CONVICTED AND RECEIVED LIFE SENTENCES TO BE SERVED IN BRITISH PRISONS. AS THE SENTENCES WERE ANNOUNCED, DISTURBANCES BROKE OUT IN THE COURT AS THE DEFENDANTS SHOUTED THAT THEY WERE MEMBERS OF THE IRA AND TRIED TO MAKE POLITICAL SPEECHES FROM THE DOCK. THEY SUBSEQUENTLY ANNOUNCED THAT THEY WOULD GO ON A HUNGER STRIKE UNTIL THEY WERE GIVEN "POLITICAL" STATUS AND RETURNED TO JAILS IN IRELAND. AS A RESULT OF THESE ACTIONS, AND INTELLIGENCE INDICATING THE PROBABILITY OF IRA REPRISALS, BRITISH AUTHORITIES HAVE INSTITUTED SPECIAL SECURITY PRECAUTIONS TO GUARD VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, ETC.

2. COMMENT: THE BRITISH EXPECT THAT ON THE BASIS OF PAST PERFORMANCE THE IRA WILL MOUNT A POLITICAL CAMPAIGN, POSSIBLY SUPPLEMENTED BY VIOLENT MEASURES, TO DRAW PUBLIC ATTENTION TO THEIR GOALS, AND TO TRY TO GAIN A MEASURE OF SYMPATHY FOR THE CONVICTED. ANNENBERG

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